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MAYOR BALLARD APPOINTS NEW DIRECTORS OF PUBLIC WORKS, PARKS DEPARTMENTS

INDIANAPOLIS – Mayor Greg Ballard today announced the appointment of Lori Miser as the Director of the City's Department of Public Works (DPW) and John W. Williams as the Director of the City's Department of Parks and Recreation.

Miser steps to the helm of the City's largest non-public safety agency, managing a budget of \$256 million and a staff of about 650 employees. Miser currently serves as executive director of the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). She is a certified planner with more than 25 years of expertise in the transportation planning and policy arena. Past projects she has managed include the Monon Rail Corridor planning process, the Knozone program, a variety of transit planning studies, the ConNECTIONS study for the Northeast Corridor, the Indianapolis Cultural Trail project and IndyConnect.

"Lori's experience in both the public and private sectors has prepared her to take on this new role," said Mayor Ballard. "I am confident with Lori at the helm we will continue to make progress rebuilding our crumbling infrastructure and smoothly providing needed services to residents."

Williams currently serves as the Deputy Director of DPW's Solid Waste Services, Fleet Services and Environmental Waste Collection and Disposal Services. From 2001 to 2006, Williams worked as Assistant Administrator in Operations and Information Services for the Department of Metropolitan Development (DMD)'s Division of Compliance. Previously he served as director of the Horace Mann Area Weed and Seed Initiative in Gary.

"John's responsibilities in DPW and DMD, which included developing and administering divisional budgets, will translate smoothly to his new role with Indy Parks," said Mayor Ballard. "As a developer and co-chair of the Weed and Seed Steering Committee, he worked with community leaders to develop crime prevention and neighborhood revitalization initiatives – key components for the continued vitality of our city's parks system."

Miser will succeed DPW Director David Sherman, who has decided to return to the private sector.

"The City of Indianapolis owes David Sherman a debt of gratitude for leading us through the city's ground-breaking renegotiation of our EPA Consent Decree and the successful transfer of the city's water utility to

Citizens Energy, which combined will save ratepayers more than a billion dollars,” Mayor Ballard said. “Under his direction residents saw an unprecedented investment in street and sidewalk improvements through our RebuildIndy initiative, and thanks to his sound fiscal management and planning, the City over the past four years completely updated and upgraded its snow fleet with newer, better equipment, adding 57 new trucks in 2009 and 2010, six more in 2011, and 10 in 2012. The investment has resulted in faster response times, lowered maintenance costs and, more importantly, safer and snow-free streets for Marion County residents.”

Williams will succeed Indy Parks Director Stuart Lowry, who also is leaving to pursue new opportunities in the private sector. As Director, Lowry engaged in the process of leveraging over \$35 million in partnerships, upgraded play structures, refurbished family centers and added innovative design concepts into the Park master planning process.

“During Director Lowry’s tenure, the City made no cuts to services or programs; rather we increased and offered stronger partnerships across the system,” said Mayor Ballard. “We repaired our ailing aquatic systems and built new facilities for all residents to enjoy.”

Miser and Williams will begin serving in their new roles effective March 19, 2012. Their appointments have been filed with the City-County Council for consideration, along with the appointment of Jason Kloth for the new Cabinet-level position of Deputy Mayor of Education and the reappointments of Deputy Mayor for Economic Development Michael Huber, Deputy Mayor for Neighborhoods Olgen Williams, DMD Director Maury Plambeck, Public Safety Director Frank Straub and Department of Code Enforcement Director Rick Powers.

EDITORS NOTE: Attached please find photos of Lori Miser and John Williams.

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